

## TO FRESHERS

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may  
But yet ye'd best remember,  
That what ye gaily do today  
Ye'll repent of in December.  
—S.I.K.

# SEMPER FLOREAT

## TO SOPHOMORES

Sure, look askance at fresher groups,  
You're not like those you curse.  
Of course you're not the same, my dears—  
Have you thought you may be worse?  
—S.I.K.

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## CLARK SUGGESTS ACCOMMODATION SURVEY

### B. J. Moylan NUAUS Chief

Queensland Arts - Law student, Bernard J. Moylan, has been elected President of the National Union of Australian University Students. This occurred at the end of the National Union Council meeting in Hobart.

Bernie is one of the most energetic of Queensland students. He is President of the Arts Students' Society, Union Councillor, Chief Sub-Editor of "Galmahra," contributor to "Semper Floreat," "The Political Student," and a prominent member of the Debating Society and the Political Science Club.

This was one of a series of interesting events at the N.U. Council meeting. President of U.Q.U., Nick Clark, using the powers conferred on him by the local Union Council, decided to withdraw the U.Q.U.'s notice of disaffiliation from National Union.

This was the end of a long series of moves and counter-moves which began at the June, 1959, meeting at Council.

At this meeting a motion of disaffiliation was narrowly defeated. At the July meeting, however, a motion that the Union become a corresponding member only of N.U. was carried by one vote.

This, in effect, meant the same thing, as a corresponding member is entitled to receive only circulars and letters.

Since July, many Councilors, even some who were originally bitterly opposed to N.U.A.U.S., have come to the opinion that it would be wiser for Queensland to remain a member, and attempt to reform the National Union from within.

At its last meeting for 1959 Council empowered the delegation to the N.U.A.U.S. Council meeting to use their own discretion.

Disaffiliation would mean that Queensland would have no part in the various intervarsity competitions and

meetings arranged by N.U. (Debating, Drama, Art, Faculty meetings, etc.) and would not be able to assist in approaches to the Commonwealth Government for increased Commonwealth Scholarships.

Queensland's withdrawal would mean, too, that politically-orientated students from other Universities would have a greater chance of capturing N.U.A.U.S. and using it as a platform for their views.

Queensland's view has always been that N.U.A.U.S. must be strictly non-political and concerned only with the interests of students as students.



B. J. MOYLAN



NICK CLARK

### SECOND FRESHERS WELCOME

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## WHAT THE HELL IS IT?

SEMPER is now in a position to answer the above question — providing you are not referring to our respected President, but to the august structure arising near the tennis pavilion.

This is Dr. Burge's pride and joy — the new home of Phys. Ed. When it clasps its muscular sons and daughters to its ultra-modern bosom at the beginning of 1961, an era in St. Lucia history will close.

Phys. Ed. was the first of the teaching departments to move to St. Lucia. Since 1947, it has occupied the big gymnasium next to the Library.

When it goes, a strange calm will descend over the main block in the evenings.

No more will the strains of folk-songs waft through the Library. No more will the thunderous sound of a succession of eueptic school-teachers jumping over a horse echo through Room 45. No more will the passer-by, glancing idly through the door of the gym., be startled to see grown (nay, overgrown) men and women playing drop-the-hankie.

Thank God. Facilities in the building will be available also to non-Phys. Ed. students and especially to the Sports Union, which will have the use of the dressing-rooms.

We note from the perspective drawing that the building will contain a "Body-building gym" which sounds extremely grisly. One hopes that Dr. Burge has read "Frankenstein" and will take all proper precautions.

education are prevented from learning to swim or from studying swimming techniques. The absence of a University swimming pool is an extremely serious handicap in the training of physiotherapists, who normally use swimming activities with their patients.

The lack of a pool at St. Lucia also handicaps the Department in undertaking much needed research into subjects such as the best techniques of teaching swimming. Because the University conducts its teaching largely over the winter months, only a heated indoor pool can give the requisite service to the Department of Physical Education and to the staff and students generally.

## SURVEY

THE problem of student accommodation which, according to reports, is an acute one in all Universities, may soon be receiving full attention in Queensland.

In a report to be submitted to the first meeting of Union Council, Mr. Nick Clark recommends that a survey be carried out early in 1961.

The terms of the suggested enquiry are very wide and include type of accommodation, living conditions, amenities, distance from the University and conditions for study.

Such a survey would assist the Union and the University in their work on behalf of students and could lead to submissions to the Universities Commission requesting assistance.

A sample of at least 500 full-time students is recommended. College students will probably not be included, but, in Mr. Clark's words, "It would be unwise to exclude those students who are living at home or with relations since expert opinion in other universities indicates that a significant number of students living in these conditions suffer greater handicaps than many students in lodgings."

### ASSISTANCE

Total cost of the survey would be about £200 and assistance might be forthcoming from the Heads of Colleges Committee, the N.U.A.U.S. Education Research Department, and especially the University. This assistance would not necessarily be financial, but could take the form of assistance in choosing the sample, preparing the questionnaire and analysing the results.

"Semper" applauds this suggestion, but suggests that it would be unwise to neglect evening students, many of whom are suffering acute inconvenience in regard to accommodation.

## STATE AID STUDENTS

At the congress of the National Union of Students N.S.S. in Oslo the delegates recommended that the national union should use discretion in the question of drawing up resolutions to political questions or to do without taking a position at all in the form of a resolution to politically controversial complexes.

A series of principles was worked out on the problem of state support for students, among which are the following: 1. The extent of state support should enable that no one need shy away from studies in fear of the economic consequences. 2. The state support must insure a socially fitting standard of living. 3. The awarding of state support must be made without discrimination of any kind. 4. In the consideration of eligibility for a loan, the economic situation of the student himself must be heeded, while the status of the parents or guardians should be disregarded. 5. Upon reaching a certain point in their studies, students of all fields should be able to receive scholarships. 6. Students from other parts of the country should be given free transportation home twice a year. Two of the recommendations made by the congress in regard to organizational questions were to strengthen student work on the national and international fronts and to organize it more effectively, as well as to carry out an active campaign to enlighten the students about the essence and goals of the national union.—(Minerva, Oslo/Tuntreet, As.)

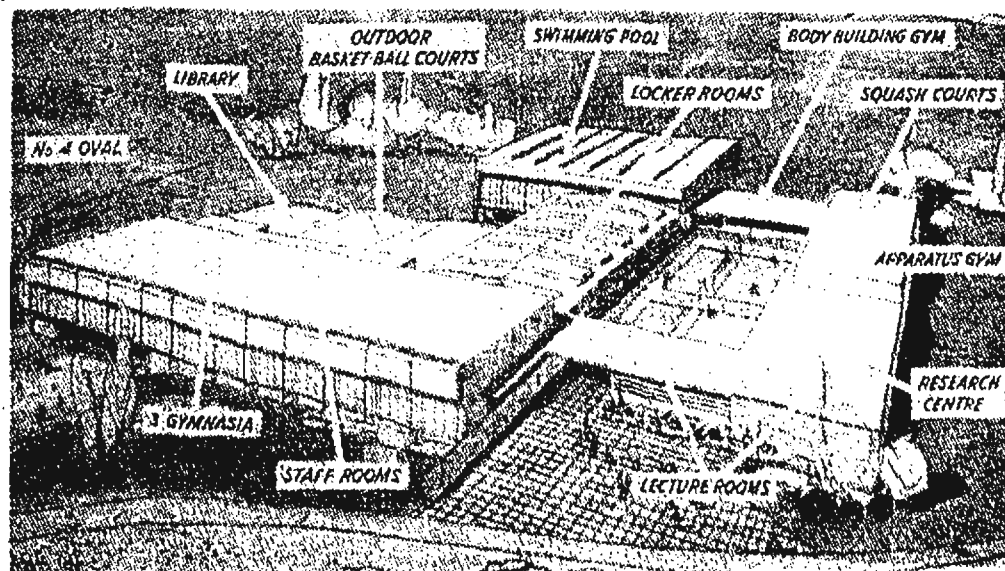
## SWIMMING POOL FOR ST. LUCIA

Within the next few years, St. Lucia may have a heated indoor swimming pool. This is included in the plan for the new Physical Education Building.

In a recent issue of the University Gazette, Dr. I. C. Burge, head of the Phys. Ed. Department, described the pool as "most urgently needed."

The Department is charged with the training of swimming teachers for all Queensland schools; this present season, in the State Education Department alone, diploma-holders are teaching swimming to some 40,000 children.

As the University does not possess its own pool, physical education students have to travel considerable distances to pools which are not fully equipped for teaching at the University level and students from other University faculties taking prescribed physical



## What it will be

## Squeaks and Gibbers

AMONGST the quotable quotes of the century made by Prominent People we cherish the following:—

"Any body only gets the government it deserves—the Union was just lucky this year."

—President Clark.

(... and who do you love).

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THE Secretary of the Union shall manage the Union Office and the Clerical Staff of Union Office, such authority being delegated to her by the Honorary Secretary... A provision is that, at any time, the Honorary Secretary may instruct the Secretary to carry out or cause to be carried out any Union work, or other work for which a charge is made, that may be requested by any of the aforementioned members of the Union... Notwithstanding anything aforementioned all official communications of the Union, with the exception of strictly Presidential business, shall be signed over the name of the Honorary Secretary either signed by the Honorary Secretary or by the Clerical Staff or by an officer of Council delegated by the Honorary Secretary for that purpose. Further, it will be necessary for any person initiating any correspondence from Union Office to initial the copy of this correspondence and arrange for this copy to be submitted to the Honorary Secretary for his perusal and initial. The communication will, however, be coded with the initials of the instigator in a like manner to the University administrative practice.

— Hon. Sec., J. S. Carlisle  
... plain blunt men these engineers!

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AS far as I know Miss Lyndon is only the third female editor of Semper. The first married the president of the Union and the other one (Lorna Bollman) went to America.

What is the particular curse on Female editors which consigns them to such ghastly fates?

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I HEAR that the President of the U. Dramatic Society has exchanged this exalted position for one where she worries about stories of dead dogs for our leading downtown paper.

Is there any real difference between the two jobs I wonder — except perhaps the fact that it is the dead dogs who tell the tales in Dram Soc.?

—SQUELETTE

**SEMPER FLOREAT Editorial****Semper et U.Q.U.**

"SEMPER" is the newspaper of the University of Queensland Union.

That sounds simple enough. It seems to say that "Semper" is comparable with the publication of any other organisation; just as "The Worker" and "The Temperance Advocate" are the voices of particular organisations, so is "Semper" the voice of another organisation called the University of Queensland Union.

But things are not as simple as that.

Australian society is composed of numerous overlapping groups of people with different interests and outlooks. The student community is one of these, but within it you will find a diversity of interests and outlooks almost as great as in society at large.

In order to promote the welfare of the student community, it has been assumed that there are certain interests which all students have in common and on which a common policy is desirable. The task of safeguarding these interests and formulating this policy is entrusted to an organisation called the Union and to its governing body, the Union Council.

An examination of the U.Q.U. constitution and the minutes of the Council will reveal that these matters are very limited and may be described as the bread, as distinct from the other things by which we live.

Must "Semper" then confine itself to these matters? Must it speak only with the voice of Union Council? The answer to both questions is "NO." "Semper" never has followed this course and, we hope, never will.

**Where we stand**

WHY is this? The answer is that the name "U.Q.U." refers to two things—(1) The Organisation of students, and (2) the Community of students. It is for the sake of the Community, that the Organisation exists and "Semper" is the paper of both.

We believe, however, that our more important duty is to the Community. Our duty to the Organisation is fulfilled by reporting its official activities. Our duty to the Community is fulfilled by entertaining it, informing it, and, above all other things, by stimulating discussion amongst its members and by providing them with a platform on which they can discuss, freely and frankly, not only their interests "as students" in the narrow sense, which are the concern of the Union (qua Organisation) but their interests as intelligent human beings.

We are not here to defend or promote the policies of Council. The Editors support the Council as an institution, but that will not stop them from attacking its policies if they think it necessary.

From these considerations follows another—the word "newspaper" as applied to "Semper" does not mean the same as it does applied to "The Courier-Mail" or "The Crow's Nest Advertiser."

The role of the reader of a conventional modern newspaper is, to a large extent, passive. The newspaper supplies the news: The reader reads it. If he is intelligent, he also reflects on it, but he is not expected to participate any further.

"Semper's" primary purpose is different. As we have said, it is to stimulate discussion. Consequently, the role of the reader is active. The task of making "Semper" worthwhile does not belong to the Editors and their staff alone. It belongs to each and every student.

This all boils down to a slogan which "Semper" editors have been reciting for 26 years—"Semper" is your paper."

It is also the freest paper in Queensland. It has no board of directors to worry about, no commercial interests to safeguard, no political party to appease.

This freedom is yours—use it, but use it responsibly.

**Misgivings after Coffee**

You sipped your coffee and with knife-edged wit Dissected each acquaintance, bit by bit. I smiled, but afterwards I seemed to feel In my own soul, the icy touch of steel.

—Aristides Q. Featherstone

**NEW EDS: OLD WAIL**

"Semper," the editors plausibly hope, will appear every second Thursday.

Deadline for copy will be a week before publication, at the latest, which means that all copy for the second issue must be in the hands of the editors by the evening of Thursday, March 10.

We are anxious to receive all sorts and conditions of contributions—literary, political, sporting, scientific, philosophical, satirical, pastoral—comical—historical.

**BUT:**

- Type (preferably), or at least write legibly IN INK, on one side of the page only.

- Leave a wide margin.

- Use a fresh page for each paragraph.

Leave your copy in the Semper box in the Arts entrance, hand it to John Dalton or John Fogarty, or post it to Joan Lyndon, 43 Raby Road, Coorparoo, or to Bill Sparkes, 51 Kingsley Parade, Yeronga.

**N.U.A.U.S.**

I have been following, with very great interest, the controversy concerning Queensland's membership of N.U.A.U.S.

The contention of those favouring secession is that Queensland is not receiving enough return for its money. But Queensland participates in the travel scheme, the dramatic and debating festivals, the art competition and the meetings of faculty associations. We may grant that the Queenslanders do not make a profit out of these activities. But what they are getting cannot be measured in terms of money.

Australia is a huge country. N.U.A.U.S. enables students from all its universities to meet and to get to know each other, to exchange ideas, and to learn to appreciate differences of outlook. Surely this must assist intellectual and emotional integration.

A feeling of brotherhood and unity amongst the students of a country is absolutely essential, and if N.U.A.U.S. contributes to this, even in only a small way, it is worth every penny spent on it.

In India, we have no such organisation, but events have shown that we need one urgently.

—NIRANJAN HALDAR  
Calcutta.

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**WHY BE RETIRING?**  
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Oh, please, could you tell me...?

ADJUSTMENT to student life is difficult. Everyone agrees on that.

The University has done much to assist freshers by the appointment of the Guidance Officer, but more remains to be done. Is it really necessary to place certain essential facilities in the most inconspicuous positions and to identify them with postage-stamp-sized signs?

Though the problems these circumstances set may be an amusing mental gymnastic to their designers, it is unfair to expect those of less mature mind to solve them.

Observe the bewildered freshers. In the first few weeks, they learn to locate one, occasionally two, of these facilities.

They are seen to wander as quickly and as quietly as possible, often over great distances, to the one or two they have discovered.

Some have even been seen to run.

Undoubtedly the restraint shown by those freshers who walk in a slow and dignified fashion gives an idea of the power of mind over matter. But unfortunately grave harm may result.

It has been observed that many of these students display an immediate desire to withdraw from society into a private world of their own. Such early upsets often have a traumatic effect resulting in general mental inefficiency.

Perhaps this explains the high failure rate which perplexes educationists.

This problem is so acute that immediate action is necessary. I hereby call on all interested to join the Society for the Alleviation of the Problems of Freshers. The first demand of the Society will be for the publication of descriptive plans on which all such facilities are clearly marked.

In addition, should demand for facilities exceed supply, the Society will make a submission to the Universities Commission requesting a special grant.

Above all, we shall demand larger and less obscure signs—preferably in English.

The motto of the Society is taken from "Hamlet", Act I, Sc. I—"For this relief, much thanks."

—IVY de CLOCHMERLE

**Rot promise  
by Hon. Sec.**

Welcome freshers!

You will probably see a lot of rot appearing in "Semper" this year with my name underneath it. But don't let it affect you, because I really am harmless and inoffensive (no Ed. notes please).

However, it is not who I am but what I do that is important to you. Theoretically, I do most of the work for an organisation that can be very important to you—the Union.

I say theoretically because there is just too much to do myself, and anyway, I'm too lazy.

Throughout the year you will see advertisements appearing about services provided by the Union. This will not be because they are new but because I have suddenly realised that no-one knows about them.

Or if you have any problems connected with your student life (no—we do NOT run a Call-girl Service), come and enquire from the Union Office staff or myself, and even if we cannot help you ourselves we will most certainly know who you must see and where you may see them.

Further, if we receive enquiries about some activity or service which is not already included in the comprehensive list of Union activities or services then we can always investigate its possible commencement.

Remember the password—"Some say 'Good Old Jack'..."

J. S. CARLISLE,

Honorary Secretary,  
University of Queensland  
Union.

**Letters to the Editors****WAS FAUST SAUST?**

FOR the benefit of all those Freshers who believe that now at last they can really be co-educated, I cannot urge you too strongly to print this letter, for the warning and moral it contains are directed mainly at them.

After considerable time spent at this University, I have made an astounding discovery. I feel it is my duty (as it is YOURS), to expose this University as a fraud, which gets us here under false pretences. But let me tell my story, before I choke in my raging spittle.

During the latter part of this vacation a lady friend and myself, after a visit to the theatre, drove out to the University to discuss the play. What more fitting and proper place could there be for such a pastime than the intellectual-stimulating walls of the University? And what more fitting and proper place for such pastime than down by the river, behind the tennis courts?

A perfect setting for such a purpose, you will agree.

Imagine our amazement, therefore, when, just as this atmosphere was having its greatest impact upon us, an official (and dirty) University car came tearing down the drive with blazing headlights, and interrupted our co-education. The car screamed to a stop beside us, and an uncouth-looking member of the University ground staff shone a searchlight into our faces, informing us that we were on private property, and must leave at once.

Well! It was only the

presence of my companion that prevented me from telling him to go and jump into the bloody lake. That, and the fact that there were two of them in the car. So we obeyed, while they went in search of more true lovers of knowledge, flashing their searchlight all over the dump.

But I swore vengeance, determined to expose this University as brazen-faced fraud. It is an unpleasant duty for one who has learnt to love this place as much as I, but it has to be done. All you innocent Freshers, BEWARE! Co-education is a sham, and if you wish to reap its benefits, keep away from the University after nightfall.

—FAUST, (Ph.D.).

In protest against the increase in gasoline prices, the Brussels students put on a large procession through the city on November 21. They rode through the streets of Brussels with wagons, bicycles, perambulators, scooters, and roller skates and halted automobile drivers who were using their cars in spite of the previously issued strike declaration. The police had to intervene in order to free some of the cars blocked by the students. (Le Vaillant, Liege/Unipresse, Brussels).



# The Tale of Dr. Bert



## or The Wonderful Results of Being Unbearable

This is the tale of Dr. Bert  
Whose party always lost its shirt.  
Although he was a man of learning  
And fiercely with ambition burning,  
Three qualities our Herbert lacked—  
Humour, humility and tact.  
When lawyer Bert appeared in court  
He always with the Judges fought;  
And when the Judges threw him out,  
He challenged Bishops to a bout.  
Now, Bishops, whether wrong or right,  
Are always ready for a fight.  
Though dignified, they move quite fast,  
And Bert was thoroughly outclassed.  
So Bert sent off some telegrams  
And landed into still worse jams.  
Then, feeling he'd not done enough,  
He even wrote to Molotough.  
He followed this with other capers  
Which filled long columns in the papers,  
And so, when preference votes were cast,  
Electors put his Party last.  
The Party moaned with grief and woe,  
And swore together: "Bert must go!  
We're b—y foolish to have kept  
So long as boss one so inept.  
His sacrifice must take place NOW."  
—But then arose the question "How?"  
"We cannot sack the man outright;  
'Twould fill the Groupers with delight.  
He can't be made a diplomat—  
The Liberals have control of that.  
We must find him a decent job  
Where he can earn an honest bob.  
For common things, he's far too big;  
Milk Boards and such are *infra dig*."  
Then said Bob Heffron, standing near,  
"I think I have the right idea."  
He whispered and they all agreed:  
"That sounds the sort of thing we need."  
They went to see their learned chief,  
And said, "Dear Bert, we will be brief.  
With you as boss, we have no doubt  
Our Party always will be out.  
When faced with this, our language fails—  
Go back and judge for New South Wales!"  
PAPHNUTIUS.

(Apres Belloc)

### UNION MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Don't forget that they must be stamped afresh each year.

For your own convenience and to reduce the chaos in Union Office hand your old card to the Secretary of your Faculty or Departmental Society for forwarding to Union Office.

The production of Union Membership Cards is essential before gaining admission to Union Social functions and may be required to gain admission to the new Union buildings.

J. S. CARLISLE,  
Hon. Secretary,  
University of Queensland Union

# LIFE AT THE TRAINING COLLEGE

The Teachers' Training College is the one place where teachers are grouped together, the one place where there should be some possibility of bargaining with the Department over such problems as the arrangements for paying long vacation pay, the pay rates and the unpalatable secrecy by which exam. results and official estimates of teaching ability are kept from students.

In order to prevent this, the Department set up a "Students' Union Council." The ultimate authority of this body rests with the Principal.

So, as a Union, it is a fraud, it is more akin to a school prefect system. Admittedly, the Council organises a full and successful programme of social activities and arranges theatre concessions. (It can do this easily because T.T.C. students, unlike Uni. students, are a fairly homogeneous group).

But all initiative and independence is denied to it. It must never suggest improvements in facilities. There is, for example, no dining hall of any kind — only a drink and candy window. Something may be done some day. Perhaps.

The composition of the Council is interesting. The Principal is represented by a staff-member whom we shall call the Director. This man's job is to ensure that the Union dabbles only in harmless fields and to turn the Council into a sounding-board for departmental propaganda.

Council elections are controlled entirely by the authorities. Some lecturers run the election of group representatives in a fashion reminiscent of the Ironworkers' Union in pre-Short days.

### UNSUITABLES

The election of the President is more open. This sometimes causes the Director some worry, but he always succeeds in putting a safe man in the job.

Before each election, the Director points out that an "unsuitable" President will not be allowed to do very much and that his duties will be exercised by members of the staff. So the President remains a figure-head, a stooge, and a bosses' man.

The three qualifications necessary for a person to graduate from T.T.C. are (in order of importance):

1. That he have no known critical attitudes towards the Department.
2. That he potter round at Kelvin Grove for a year on a few pounds a week.
3. That he humour the rivalry of the various College departments — art, needlework, speech, etc. — by playing ball with each of their "collect-it-and-paste-it-in-a-book" manias.

Oh! Its a great life.

—PEDAGOGICUS.

## Student Discipline

A Student Discipline Committee (SDC) will be set up by the Students' Council of McMaster University in Hamilton (Canada), for an experimental period of 12 months. The committee will consist of five senior students, including at least one junior, at least two of each sex, and if possible, at least one from each faculty of the Student Union. Complaints will be sent to the defendant by registered mail not more than eight days after acceptance by the committee and all principals will be called not more than five days before the actual date of the hearing.

A defendant shall be entitled to cross-examine, call witnesses, argue on his behalf, and acquire the services of a defence counsel, who must be a member in good standing of the Students' Union. Both the decision and penalty imposed shall be reported to the appropriate dean. In the case of extenuating circumstances, the Dean may request the S.D.C. to review the penalty, the penalties will be in the form of fines, payable to the Student Union and/or suspension of student privileges. (The Silhouette, Hamilton).

## In Short...

Being a supporter of freedom of the Press I wish to remind the new editors that rights provided by the above ideal shall not be abused. Therefore I propose that the following types of article be banned:

Those that are:

Blasphemous, libellous, seditious, unhealthy, unsound, worthless, mean, low-minded, foul, evil, sinful, immoral, amoral, naughty, suggestive, turpitudinous, abominable, absurd, harmful, wrong, wicked, gloomy, feeble, deficient, abnormal, imperfect, diseased, decayed, tainted, defective, hurtful, pernicious, dangerous, mischievous, improbable, hypercritical, hypocritical, unpropitious, unfortunate, disastrous, annoying, flagitious, rude, ignoble, indecent, infamous, vicious, corrupt, malicious, dissolute, depraved, unjust, dishonest, disreputable, unpleasant, brutal, malevolent, false, treacherous, reactionary, revolutionary, conservative, liberal, radical, bad or anonymous.

—A WELL-WISHER.



I, Ephraim Pigswill, having for too long endured the pangs of Bohemian hirsuteness, do hereby solemnly swear that I will support the Union Barber, Bill Geddes, whose ultra-modern hairatorium is situated at the rear of St. Lucia Rectory, and who practises the fine art of barbering from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily, and until 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. So help me Clark.

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*Two Views on the Bushman*  
**T**WO of our staff men, John Helman and that freckled whelp, hag-born, Caliban, went to see Lawler's new play, "The Piccadilly Bushman." And here is what they thought of it...

## As Caliban saw it... As Helman saw it...

**S**PEECH is one of our national obsessions. It is the one subject on which every Australian holds and is prepared to express strong views. Each year, it causes gallons of printer's ink to be spent on letters to editors' and thousands of tempers to be lost. Mimicry is probably our favourite form of insult.

I suppose that it was inevitable that this subject would bob up in Australian drama sooner or later. Now that it has, let's hope we've heard the last of it for a while.

The Piccadilly Bushman could have been a fine play. The theme basically is an important one — the search for national identity, for "belongingness," for "commitment." But to be successfully treated, a theme like this must, firstly, be made incarnate in real people in a real situation, and, secondly, it must not be obscured by the particularities in which it manifests itself.

In this respect, Lawler's latest play forms an interesting contrast with "The Summer Of The Seventeenth Doll." "The Doll" was concerned with real characters in a real situation. Their problem was a universal one — the impermanence of youth, the futility of fantasy. The play was a good one because of this and because of Lawler's very real sympathy and involvement with his characters.

### Involvement

It is quite obvious that Lawler is equally involved in "The Bushman," but he is involved in a different way. He is involved, not as a sensitive human being, but merely as a participant in an acrimonious argument. As a result, he loses sight of the universal aspects of his theme and "swims about on the surface." His play is mere allegory — and not a very interesting allegory at that.

As you would expect, the characterisation is particularly weak. Ritchie, the expatriate actor and his neurotic wife Meg, begin as real people, but very soon shed their humanity to join in the allegory with the rest of the lay-figures — And what a gang of them there is!

There are two English film men, Allingham and Franklin, immaculately dressed, cold, dignified, Oxford-accented — two national types, as flat, as uninteresting and as false as the average Englishman's image of the uncouth Colonial. There is a comic servant who also comes straight out of the catalogue. There is a couple named Leggat, who are rather better, for these are wealthy, lion-hunting snobs — people who

habitually behave like caricatures. There is an old friend of the Ritchies, Grace Olive, who doesn't matter much, since her only function is to talk about old times.

Last, but most certainly and unfortunately not least, comes Dougie O'Shea, an Australian author. Given to homespun philosophy, myth-making, inverted snobbery and, above all, talk, talk, talk, he bestrides the play like a papier-mache colossus with a gramophone for a brain. He is obviously Lawler's idea of how the dinkum Aussie writer should behave. I suspect that he is also Lawler's attempt at self-portraiture. But I am satisfied that his brush must have slipped disastrously. The author of "The Doll" could not possibly be such a bore.

The play begins fairly well. At the end of Act I, I had the feeling that something important could and should follow. With Act II, however, the rot set in. Even the Leggats become caricatures of caricatures. This act, judiciously cut, might have made a fairly good Philip Street sketch, but absolutely nothing could be done with Act III. It is an incoherent mess, which should never have left Lawler's desk.

"The Bushman," then, is a failure, but it is an interesting one and for that reason it is worth seeing. In addition, the acting is excellent. The entire cast does as well as the script allows. Diana Davidson as Meg is particularly impressive, and Guy Doleman as her anglophile husband is only slightly less so. Gordon Glenwright and Laurel Mathew perform well as the abominable Leggats and John Gray does his best to make O'Shea seem credible.

The real star, however, is Desmond Downing whose set is as good as everyone has said — a lavish, over-decorated room, straight out of House and Garden, contrasted with a backdrop of the Harbour, executed in varying shades of blue.

To sum up: Worth seeing if only to find out what a mess a good playwright can make when he loses his temper. Anyway — and here my national pride flares up like the aurora australis — it is considerably better than the average imported West End success.

—CALIBAN

Ray Lawler's new play, "The Piccadilly Bushman," will probably not be the great overseas success that the "Doll" was; and it will probably not be made into a film. The "Doll," for all its Australian flavor, dealt with human problems and frailties as comprehensible in Warsaw as in Wagga Wagga. Dare we say it dealt with Universals?

The "Bushman," on the other hand, despite its superficially more international spirit, presents problems which are essentially parochial. This difference is perhaps best demonstrated by pointing to the difference in the use of humour in the two plays. The humour of the "Doll" is merely incidental to the largely tragic theme of human disillusionment. The humour of the "Bushman" (especially in the portrayal of those Australian Anglophiles, the Lew Leggats) is more essential to the play, marking as it does its greatest achievement. In the Leggats we have the beginnings of an Australian Comedy of Manners, a comedy very difficult to translate.

Most comedy of necessity is local and topical, and it is very difficult to see how overseas audiences could appreciate the subtlety of the Leggats (who were ably played by Gordon Glenwright and Laurel Mathew) except in the rather academic way in which Australian audiences would enjoy "Tartuffe."

### Imperialism

Unfortunately, the basically humorous situation of the Anglophiles becomes entangled with some "deep," but largely late-Victorian, questions of imperial relations. This constitutes the background to the "richer" emotional embroidery of the play.

The central tragic figure is an altogether unreal and disagreeable, but (we are told) successful Australian actor, Alec Ritchie, who luxuriating in his English success and evidently equating England with Mayfair and Australia with "Yangoola," finds that he prefers the former and despises the latter. He has, in short, done an international Faust — or at least a Burgess and Maclean, albeit legally and with everyone's approval. Well, almost everybody. Mrs. Ritchie (who drinks) prefers Australia to "Home" — and from this circumstance flows a goodly slice of domestic histrionics. Guy Doleman and Diana Davidson seldom succeed in bringing this rather wooden situation alive.

As we move away from the emotional centre of the play towards the quieter but more

# The Modern Exodus

Leon Uris: EXODUS.

ON its cover EXODUS is described as a novel about the State of Israel, but it soon becomes obvious to any reader of this marathon, 630 page work that it is more than that. What Uris attempts is to record the history of the Jewish people all over the world, sometimes going back as much as 3000 years. In a weaving, tortuous path, he takes his reader from the misery of the Russian Pale to the horror of the Nazi-besieged Warsaw ghetto, and from the living-hell of German concentration camps to the primitive life of Jewish communities in the Middle East.

William Kimber, 27/6

It seems clear that Uris is a firm believer in the saying that truth is stranger than fiction, for it is only against this authentic historical background that the novel is interesting and well worth reading. Thus, the first 200 pages of pure fiction are not very impressive, either in matter or style of narrative. But in a work of such proportions this is perhaps excusable, particularly as Uris makes no pretentious claims to a polished literary style. What impresses about the book rather, is its simplicity of style, tempered with the author's passionate love for his people, and the country which they fought to reclaim as rightfully theirs.

Yet, despite his obviously partial standpoint, Uris never sacrifices historical truth for the sake of more exciting fiction. One of the most dramatic passages in the novel is a day-by-day, country-by-country account of the 1947 U.N. Conference which voted for the creation of the new State of Israel.

Another is the history of how the new state of hardly one million people survived the war against some fifty million Arabs bent on its destruction at birth.

—JOHN HELMAN



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 pened to me.

EXODUS is a novel for both the Jewish and non-Jewish reader. For the former its values are obvious. For the latter it is a great help in understanding the Jews both as a race, and now as a nation. And for the world at large it serves as a warning, for in a brief passage Uris reminds us of a truth we seem once again to be forgetting: "Jew baiting is an incurable disease. Under certain democratic conditions it may not flourish well. Under other conditions the germ may even appear to die, but it never dies even in the most ideal climate."

—B.J.G.

A SURVEY conducted by "Cherwell" shows that over 80 per cent. of this year's freshmen at Oxford have gone up straight from school, an increase of 30 per cent. over previous years. Of these more than a quarter will read scientific subjects, 85 per cent. will be supported by some kind of grant, and 54 per cent. intend to go to Church at least once a week. (The Gown, Belfast).

## Figaro

By Way of Introduction

"Write something for us," they said, doubtfully. "Something smart, intelligent, something with personality."

Which brings us to the point. This is not going to be a personality column. I am willing, in writing it, to be anything opinions can make me — a crank, a prig, a snob, a bigot; but not a personality.

Opinions have nothing to do with personality. They are an irrelevant necessity — the dust-bin lid that Health Inspectors insist on. Those set in authority over us have often said to me, "You must have opinions. Don't sit on the fence. Learn to think for yourself." So I have painfully acquired some opinions:

I don't like people who are aggressive.

I don't like people who are self-righteous or too forthright.

I don't like women who dress in tweeds and terrify the Vicar.

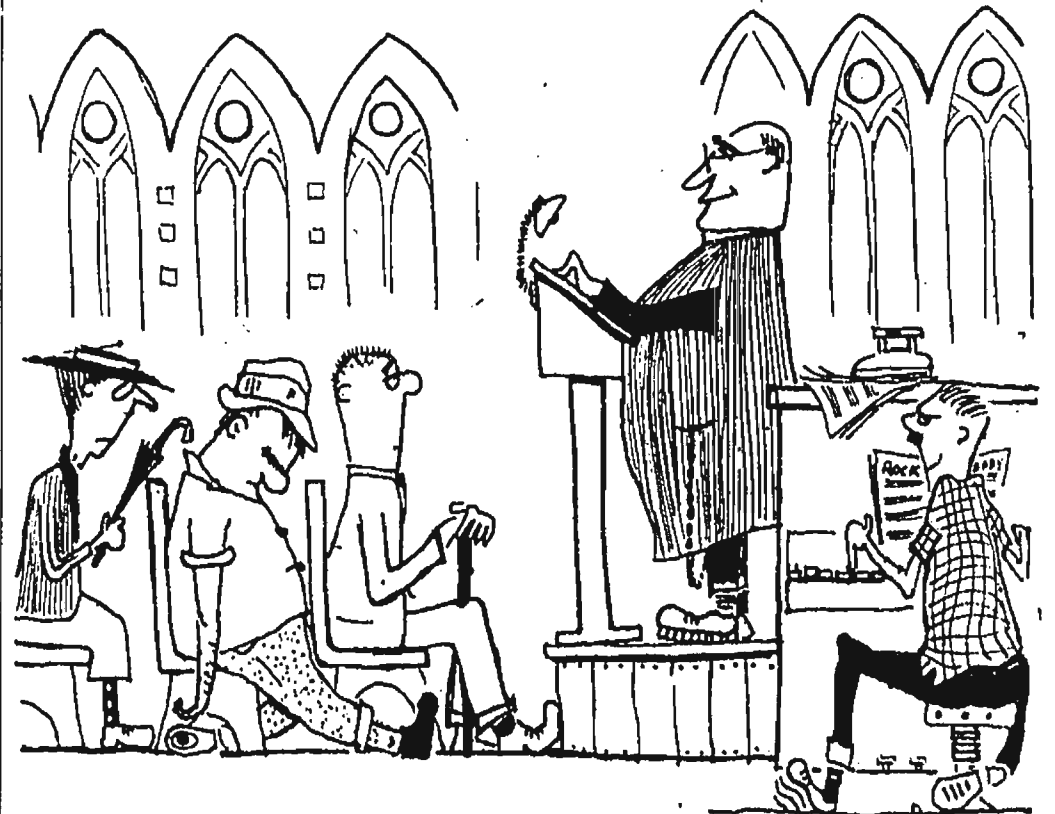
I don't like people who clutch rule-books and assume dictatorial airs.

I like small, happy, pleasant people who believe in making life pleasant for other small, happy people.

I like idealists who are not cranks. I like sensitive people who are not weak. I like books, most people, and living.

This column will be about these opinions of mine.

But my personality is not in them; nor in my attitudes; nor in my reactions; nor in my hopes; nor in my fears; nor even in my imaginative reveries can it be found. The key to personality — the hidden spring that makes one cranky, or wistful, or stubborn, or happy, or stupid — is not to be found in any written thing. A column is not a human being: it is just a string of words; and we must not expect it to tell us more than words can reveal.



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## STAFF DISMISSED IN SOUTH AFRICA

Eight members of staff at the University College of Fort Hare in the Cape Province of South Africa have been dismissed by the South African Government. This is the S.A. Government's latest move in its campaign for University Apartheid.

Fort Hare, which was founded some forty years ago as an independent institution for the higher education of the African peoples, with finances provided mainly by the churches, is to become one of the new state-controlled colleges for the non-white peoples as from January 1st, 1960.

Those dismissed are the Registrar, the Professors of Geography, Politics, Law, English and History, a lecturer in Botany and the University Librarian. All are English-speaking and all disapprove of the Government's racial policy.

The dismissals were carried out by Mr. W. A. Maree, Minister of Bantu (i.e. non-white African) Education, under the authority given him by the "Extension of University Education" Act of 1959, whereby the government is given power to establish and control the new colleges reserved for non-whites only, and non-white students are prohibited from entering the existing mixed-race universities.

No reasons for the dismissals were given to the persons concerned, but the Minister has stated that he is not

prepared "to permit a penny of any funds of which I have control to be paid to any persons . . . who are known to be sabotaging the Government's policy of apartheid, which is what is going on in this instance."

It is clear, therefore, that opposition to government policy will now be regarded as grounds for dismissal in these colleges and that the members of staff dismissed on this occasion are the first victims of the political control of university institutions for non-white peoples.

It is also clear that South African Universities will eventually become mere indoctrinating institutions.

### Prize Poem

O hail to thee  
Blessed Alma Mater,  
Without a flaw  
Thou hast no hater.  
Though thou art not  
Completed yet,  
The bit we've seen  
We can't forget.  
Your glory will forever  
Wax on,  
Under the rule  
Of our great Axon.  
O' let us sing  
A bold cantata  
To our broad-bosomed  
Alma Mater.  
—EMMALEE BULLDUST.

## University news from interstate and overseas

The students of the Teachers' Training Colleges of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia have protested against the plans to reduce the lack of teachers by shortening studies at the colleges by one semester. They disapprove of shortening their studies and are of the opinion that this would considerably lower the level of their education. The student representatives wish to reserve themselves further protest measures. — (Westdeutsches Tageblatt, Dortmund.)

The student restaurant of the Darmstadt Institute of Technology was closed after it had been boycotted by a large part of the students, because according to them the meals served were neither large, tasty, nor cheap enough. The closing was enacted by the chairman of the Student Social Welfare Commission with the approval of the rector. If at least one thousand students declare themselves willing to eat there by signing their names to posted lists, the restaurant will be opened again, other-

wise it will remain closed. In the face of this clear alternative, the Student Representative Council (ASTA) of the Institute of Technology has advised the striking students to discontinue their action. — (Student Mirror Special Report.)

Recently a London College girl, Marie-Louise Coulouris of the Slade School, appeared at Marlborough Street Court on a charge of using a microphone in Oxford Circus to announce arrangements for the last Aldermaston march organised by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The Metropolitan Police Act, under which she was charged, dated back to 1839. Primarily drawn up as a means of controlling the Chartists, it states that any person (other than Guards and postmen) "who shall blow any horn or any other noisy instrument" in order to announce events, sell goods, or collect money, is guilty of committing an offence. Mrs. Coulouris was given a complete discharge on the grounds that a microphone is not in itself a noisy instrument, but only a means of amplifying sound. (Pi, London).

A high American diplomat was taken on a tour through Moscow by a Soviet official. During the tour they arrived at the Moscow train station. Proudly the Russian declared to his guest: "This is the best train station in all Russia. From Track A, a train leaves every three minutes for Warsaw. From Track B, a train leaves every two minutes for Kiev, and from Track C, a train leaves every minute for Leningrad." The American was amazed and said: "But—we have been standing here 34 minutes and not a single train has arrived or departed." The Russian thought for a second and countered: "And you mistreat the colored people!" — "Globus" (West Berlin).



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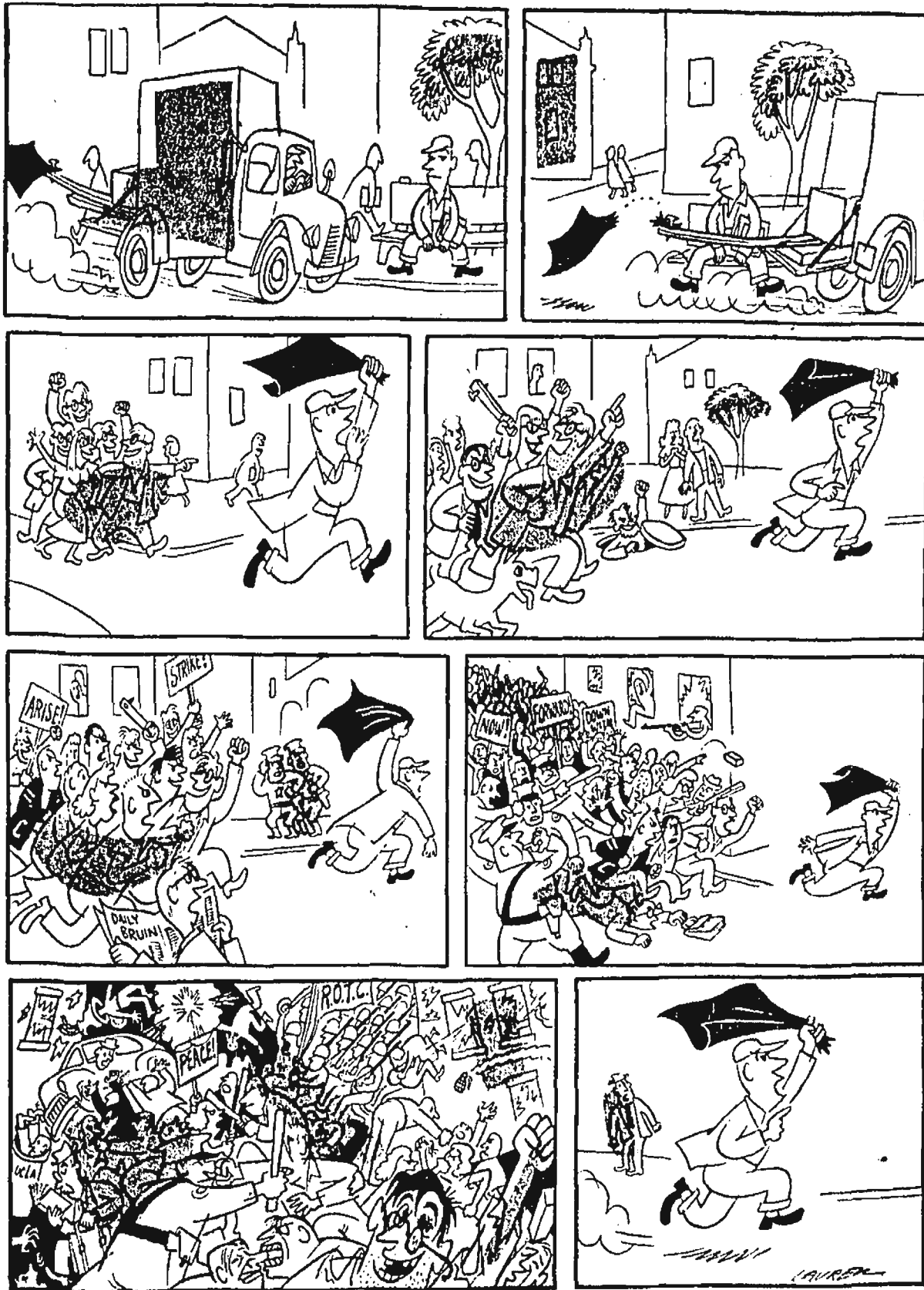
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## Africa Ban

At the last Council meeting of the National Union of Students at London an emergency motion was passed that the N.U.S. Council supports the National Union of South African Students (N.U.S.A.S.) in their attitude to the boycott of certain South African goods, as a protest against the South African Government's extension of the University Education Bill, and therefore:

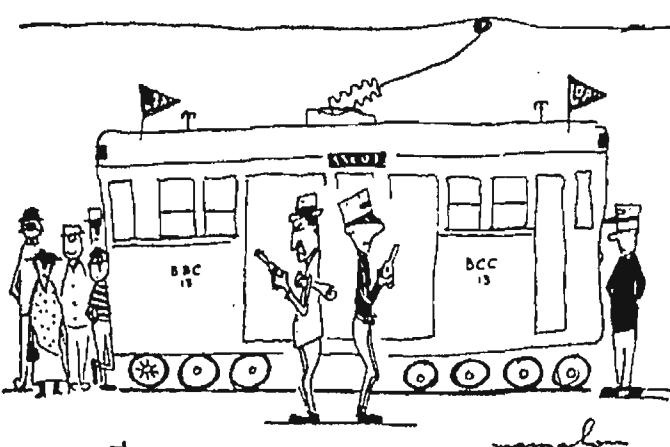
1. Requests members of N.U.S. to carry out an individual boycott of these goods, as a practical measure to remove racial segregation in higher education;
2. Instructs the Executive, subject to satisfactory legal advice, to prepare and publicise a list of proprietary goods which shall be included in the boycott. The voting resulted in the passage of the motion 101:17:72. The large number of abstentions was not due to any indecision on the part of the delegates, however there was considerable doubt as to the legality of the measures incorporated in the motion.

## GALLUPPING KING'S

During the last week of November "King's News" held a public opinion poll in College. Three hundred people were stopped in the corridors and asked to give their answers to some questions concerning their life in King's College. On the question why people were there at all, it appeared that 44 per cent. wanted a University education, preferable with a degree, while 35 per cent. were there merely to get a degree. Three per cent. were there for the fun of it. When questions were asked to ascertain how well the Union officers are known 70 per cent. did not know the name of the Vice-President. An interesting sidelight was that 38 per cent. thought that the Union was a clique. Another point was that over 50 per cent. patronize two or three clubs and societies regularly, one per cent. attend as many as six while nine per cent. do not belong to any at all. One result was rather unexpected. This showed that 32 per cent. lived at home. This compared with 30 per cent. in Halls of Residence, 29 per cent. in digs and nine per cent. in flats. —(King's News, London.)

He who is falling into the maelstrom notices not that his socks and tie do not match. —Old Slavonic Proverb.

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## No Pressure Cooking

"Semper" this week begins a feature which will interest our intellectual readers — excerpts from our contemporaries. Our first offering is a book review by that renowned authority on political science and damn near everything else — Henry Swayer. It is reprinted by permission of the editor of "The Absurder."

COOKERY BOOK:

Mrs. Beeton.

ONE of the saddest things I have to encounter in the constant procession of earnestly-written books proclaiming confidently that to make an omelette one must first break one's eggs on the side of the frying-pan. The new edition of Mrs. Beeton's unimaginatively titled *Cookery Book* is, alas, no exception to the rule.

Of Hungarian Goulash, a dish much neglected by many "cookery" writers, Mrs. Beeton gives what must be called painstaking analysis. She says, for example—

"Cut meat in cubes. Chop up onion and fry in a large sauce-pan until golden-yellow, then add paprika, meat, salt, and peppercorns; cover and fry for 10 minutes, or until meat begins to stick to saucepan. Then add a very little water, cover and simmer for 1½ hours, together with tomato and green pepper."

This is true enough as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. To write of Hungarian Goulash without mentioning the persistent struggle between the mutually antagonistic interests of which Hungarian "society" is "composed" is a preposterous error. Mrs. Beeton's trouble stems from her naive belief that cooking is a matter of "stirring", "boiling", "slicing", and all the rest of the traditional palaver. She neglects entirely the social significance of food-preference and recipe-content and their relationship to the demands (disguised as "tastes") of dominant power-elites and to the tastes (disguised as "demands") of the emerging, militant, power-seeking have-not groups.

Of braised noodles with chicken, Mrs. Beeton remarks: "The type of noodles used to make braised noodles is different from any other. They are fried and spread in a large cake and then dried; hence the different cooking procedure. The Chinese name for this type of noodle is 'Mun Ye Min'."

Note that word "hence"; Mrs. Beeton has neatly conveyed the impression that

## Student Politics

At the Autumn National Council of the Scottish Union of Students SUS at the end of November, differences of opinion on the international policy of the union led to a walk-out by the delegation from the University of Edinburgh. The Edinburgh delegation held that the "apolitical" position of the national union at international conferences has lowered the prestige of the national union and hampers international co-operation between the SUS and other national unions. Directly after the return of the delegation to Edinburgh, an extra-ordinary meeting of the Student Representative Council was called, at which the withdrawal of the delegation at the council convention was unanimously ratified. Upon this, a motion was moved that Edinburgh disaffiliate from the national union. After extensive debating, this motion was defeated by a one-vote margin (27-26) with eight abstentions. —(Student Mirror Special Report.)

she has explained a phenomenon, yet really she has explained nothing. In fact, this intrusive "hence" truncates what is otherwise a carefully-observed, but not very penetrating, catalogue of those aspects of her subject which any common observer possessed of the time, money and inclination, could be guaranteed to swallow, if not assimilate. There is fruitful material here for a dozen lines of research, but, for Mrs. Beeton, they are nothing but interesting facts.

A truly scientific study of cookery is an urgent need. Books such as this one by Mrs. Beeton are, however, of no help at all. What is required of an author who sets out to write such a book is a wide experience in social analysis and an ingrained unwillingness to agree with anyone else. The writer we are looking for is one of an extremely rare race. Probably, such a rare combination of the scholarly virtues will be found only in some versatile genius who manages to combine such diverse activities as lecturing in Government and reviewing books for the fortnightly.

HENRY SWAYER

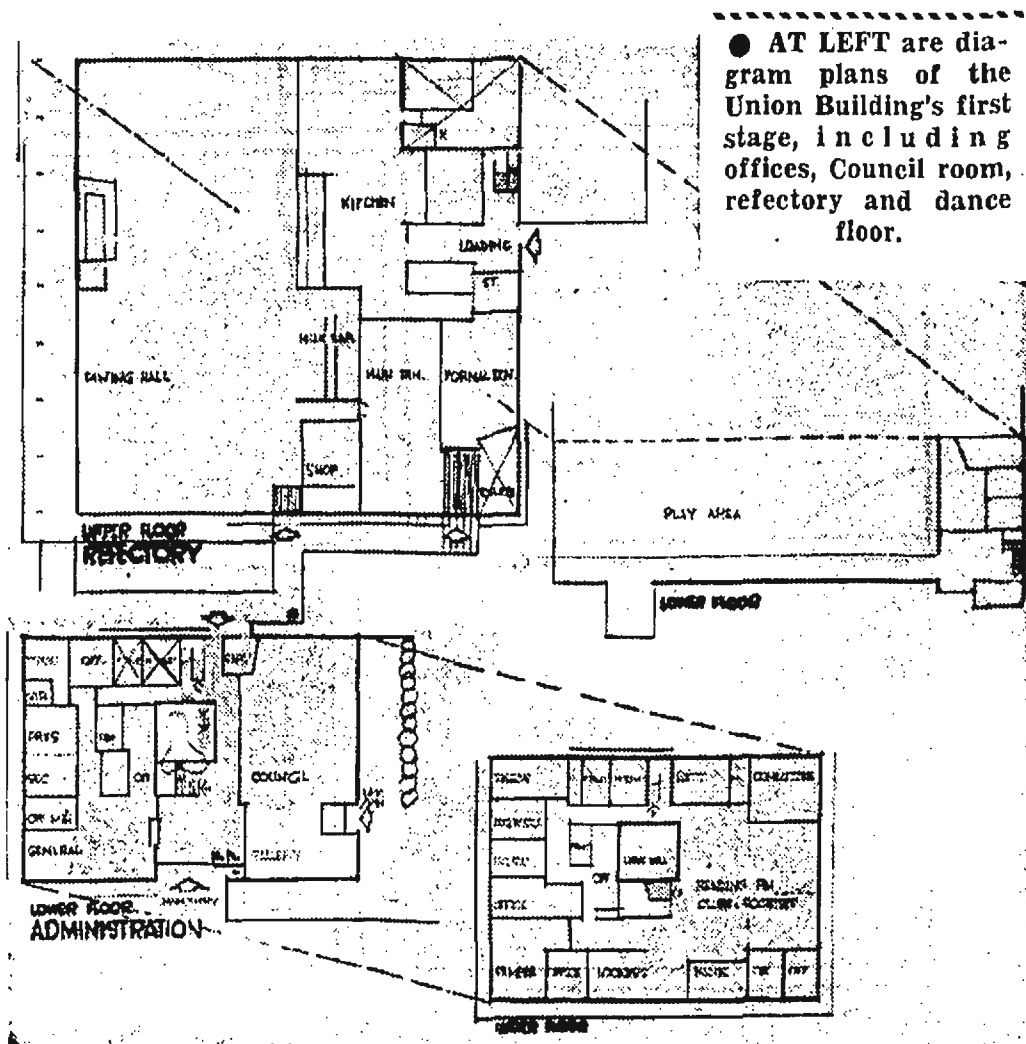
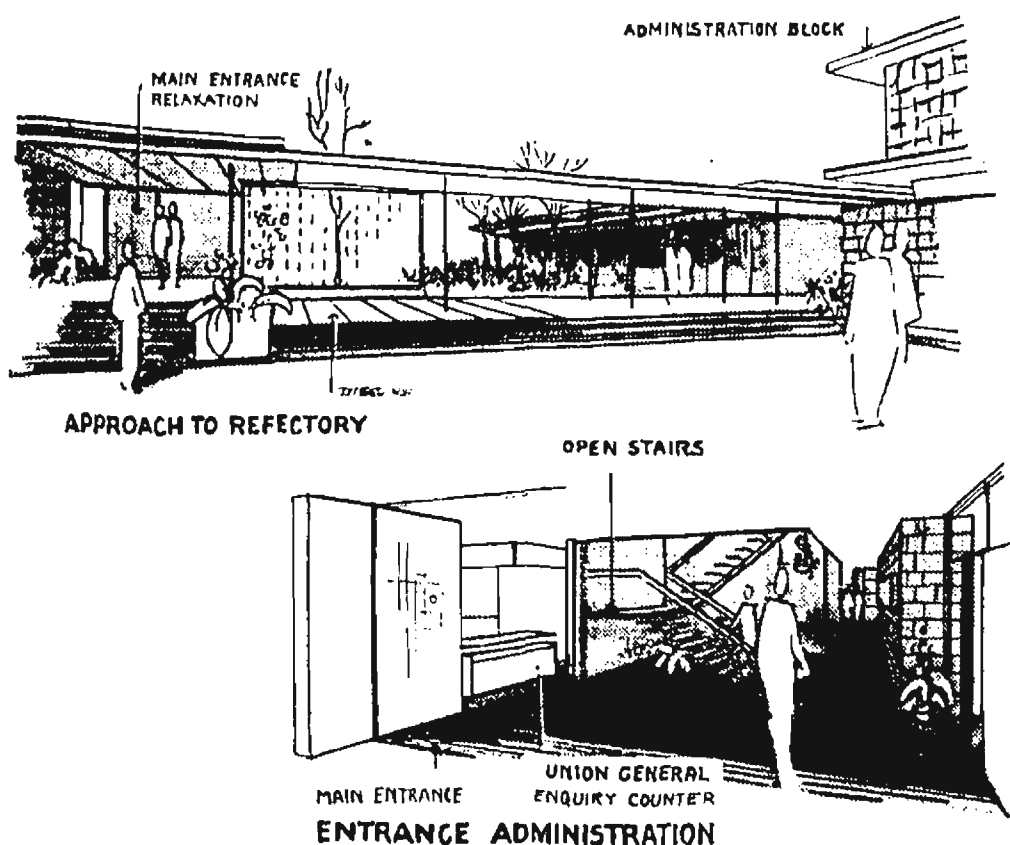
## ZAGREB

At the 14th Conference of the Students of the University of Zagreb, the Chairman of the University Committee of the Yugoslav Union of Students, Divjak, pointed out that it is necessary to educate students to be responsible socialists and not just to afford them with knowledge in their special field. He reproached the professors and university administration for not having any contact with the students, not knowing their problems, and not making any effort at all to attain the goal of a well-rounded education. In order to acquaint the students with the responsibility which awaits them in their profession, it was proposed to introduce a course for "Social Development in Socialistic Construction" at every faculty. In treating the instruction reform, Divjak said that the reform in higher education, started in 1959, is only the beginning of a long-term plan. It has been calculated that Yugoslavia will need about one million people with higher education by 1980; this assumes that about 40,000 will graduate annually from the institutions of higher learning in the coming 20 years. Instruction will experience basic changes in the coming years; courses will become more specialized, and above all, the decentralization of the university is to be carried on further. According to figures from the Office of the Rector of the University of Zagreb, about 65 per cent. of all the first-year students studying in accordance with the new principles reached the study goal, i.e., admission to the third semester. In trying to find the answer for this failure of one-third of the students, it is again and again established that the students take their studies too lightly and think that their successes in the examinations are no one's business but their own. Some even feel that their personal freedom is being restricted when they are told to take an examination after a certain period of time. Since every student costs the state 250,365 dinars annually, the state must also be interested that his education be punctually completed. —(Studentski List, Zagreb.)

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## Mainly Music

### Baroque music school in Armidale

BY JOHN ATHERTON YOUNG

**IN January, at the University of New England, Armidale, an event, unique in the World of Music outside of Germany, took place. This was the holding of a Baroque Music School.**

THE school included among its teachers:—

1. Dene Barnett, who brought with him his own Harpsichord and a Dolmetsch Spinnet.

2. Peter Richardson, an expert on 18th century flute playing.

3. Seman Harris — whose speciality was History of Music.

4. Dr. Vincent Shepherd, who brought with him a Dutch cabinet organ (made in 1790) and a clavichord.

5. Martin Long, Australia's leading exponent of the lute, and

6. John Manifold, also with a lute, who amongst other things, lectured on the relation of folk music to more formal musical works and the art of improvising divisions over a ground.

Students at the school (about 30 in number) included three flautists, three oboists, violinists, a cello player, continuo players, a number of good recorder players, and Victor Boffinger, really fine guitarist. In addition, the resources of a chamber music school, a choral school and a trumpeter were made available as required.

Dene Barnett, the principal tutor, began the 14-day course by Proving (using quotations from 18th and 17th Century literature) that a Baroque composer writing so-called "classical" music intended the performer to fill out the work with improvised decorations — in short, to make the music as florid and exuberant as Baroque architecture. He then proceeded to show how it was done — at the end of the fortnight most of the students had mastered the principles sufficiently to give tasteful and florid performances of slow movements and not a few students could do the same with the faster ones. During the course of

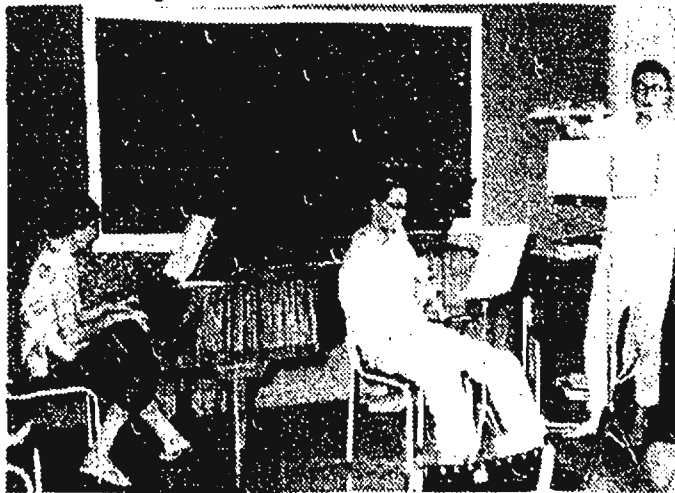
the school some eight public concerts were given. Some of the works performed were Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, two of his Cantatas, and a number of his chamber works for solo wood wind. Other composers whose works were used included Corelli, Vivaldi, C.P.E. Bach, Lohr, L. Mozart, W. A. Mozart, Telemann, Hotteterre, Boismortier, Handel and Purcell.

#### BRISBANE BAROQUE

NOW that these performers have returned home we have in Brisbane a number of enthusiasts who aim to form a Baroque Music Society. Initially anyone who can play any musical instrument in use up to and including the time of Mozart will be welcome. (Recorder players should have achieved reasonable competence particularly in the matter of intonation). The ability to read at sight is probably an essential. A public meeting will probably be held at the Conservatorium in the near future. In the meantime a number of items will be performed at the University during Orientation week under the auspices of the Orchestral Society.

Those interested in hearing recorded examples of 18th century composers whose works have been decorated by the performer, cannot do better than listen to the D.G.G. Archiv 12" LP of three Oboe concerti of Handel. These are performed by the Berlin Bach Orchestra (Director Carl Garven) with Hermann Tottcher playing oboe. They are great works, especially the third one, Opus 3 No. 3, beautifully decorated and ornamented.

The concerti are backed by a recording of the Fireworks Music — like its sibling the Water Music I think it sounds best when heard over water — way, way over water!



Picture shows John Atherton Young (centre) and friends going all Baroque at Armidale. Mr. Young will be writing a regular musical column for each issue of "Semper."

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## The State of the Union

In orientation week, 1,000 freshers were orientated, initiated, vaccinated and possibly irritated, and the student population rose to 8,350. We suppose that we should feel glad about this great expansion in our Jubilee Year, but we don't.

There seems to be no general agreement on what is the optimum size for a University, but there can be no disagreement over the fact that Queensland has passed it. Enrolments of about 200 for English 1 and 1,000 for Physics, to take only two examples, make the task of both lecturer and student well-nigh impossible.

The corporate spirit of the University is dying. Contact between students and staff, between students of one faculty and those of another, or even between students of different departments within the same faculty, is becoming increasingly difficult. Initiative to pursue independent lines of study is very rare. Student life, as evidenced in the Union and the societies, is at its lowest ebb in years.

The problem is one of loyalties. We must be loyal to the small battalions, but where are the small battalions? The University is no longer a community to which one belongs, but a set of buildings where one studies along with 8,499 other individuals.

#### Impersonality

With the growth in population, the University administration and the Union have become impersonal, remote bodies—not the government with which we are vitally concerned, but the government which "should do some thing" about various things, but which, otherwise, does not interest us much. Professional administrators in both bodies are rapidly taking the places of academics qua academics and students qua students.

This is not to be construed as a personal attack on anybody. It is a statement of

### Archaeological news

ONE night last December, three intrepid members of the "Semper" staff formed an expedition to explore the uncharted wastes of our office at St. Lucia.

After hacking their way through the thick undergrowth of correspondence, old blocks and mouldering piles of last year's Commem. issue, they reached a cabinet of lockers, built, it is believed, by some vanished race of the pre-Clarkean Age.

One locker was still locked. The awed feeling of being in the presence of the unknown descended on the party.

In hushed voices, they exchanged theories. What did it contain?—A pair of old sandshoes? Six fossilised spaghetti sandwiches? The mummified corpse of the student spirit?

#### Enthusiasm

Fired with enthusiasm, they pressed forward. A bottle-opener was applied screw-driver-wise to the lock.

At last, the door swung open to reveal:—

An invitation to the inaugural meeting of the Liberal Club, 6th March, 1956.

#### AND

An announcement that the Orchestral Society's Freshers' Welcome for 1956 would be held on Thursday instead of Monday.

Will owner please call at the office and claim the above as they are beginning to grow blue mould?

what has unavoidably happened.

What is to be done? We don't intend to preach to the University authorities. That's not our job. We can, however, preach to the students. One suggestion we make is a radical re-constitution of the Union on Federal lines. Power should be decentralised by the setting up of faculty Unions, each of which will be a member-body of the U.Q.U. with representation on its Council.

#### Freedom

It may be objected that this will lead to an increasingly narrow departmentalisation of student life. But this has happened already. Even if such a move did intensify departmentalisation, it would at least help corporate life within the faculties. Inter-faculty contact would still be available through those clubs whose activities cut across faculty boundaries.

These, in turn, together with the Union as a whole would be greatly strengthened by the setting up of the same system as exists in other Universities with regard to student facilities. Control over refectories, etc., could be handed over to a body representing Senate, students and staff. This would free the Union Council from tedious book-work and allow its members to spend more time on their studies and on student life as it should be lived.

But we will have more to say on this in the future.

### Health Service For University

An important development in University life is the establishment, this year, of a Student Health Service at St. Lucia. Dr. Murray Williams, the medical officer in charge, will be available for consultation at St. Lucia and the Medical School, and he will provide a free diagnostic service for all types of illness, injury and other relevant problems; students will be referred for treatment to general practitioners or consultants.

This appointment is in line with more recent trends in overseas universities, particularly in England and the United States.

Dr. Williams graduated from the University of Queensland Medical School in 1951, and he has recently returned from three years' work at the Adolescent Unit of the Children's Medical Centre in Boston, U.S.A. Dr. Williams considers that the term "adolescent medicine" covers all complaints of patients in the age group between childhood and maturity, and that this is becoming recognised as a fertile field for the practice of preventive medicine and mental health.

Students wishing to make use of this service should enquire at the Union Office or at the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine at the Medical School.

### University Exchange Plan

The Supervision Committee of the International Student Conference recently confirmed the appointment of Mr. Magnus Gunther as Research Director for the International University Exchange Fund. The Exchange Fund research project has been sponsored under the UNESCO system of Associated Youth Enterprises.

The idea for an International University Exchange Fund was first proposed some years ago by the Union National des Etudiants France (UNEF). Although the idea was enthusiastically supported by all the National Unions of Students participating in the International Student Conference, it was not until 1958 that UNESCO promised to support a programme of research into the possibilities of establishing such a Fund.

The Fund, once set up, will have as its objects the exchange of student leaders as well as the exchange of students for studying and training abroad. The Fund will be run by an Administrative Council comprising two professional and three student members.

At present a large amount of the basic research into existent scholarships for students and areas of need in the exchange field has been completed. A survey has been made of some 5000 existing scholarship offers in order to determine the nature of the donors and the purpose for which these scholarships are offered. Also completed are statistics on the number of students studying in each country and exchanged between each area of the world. Data sheets on the scholarships offered in or for some 60 countries have been prepared and these will form the vital core of the project and the future planning of the Fund. Information has been

obtained from some 20 National Unions of Students on the exchange schemes they organise and more information is slowly coming in. At the same time the Research Director is busy on the question of equalisation of degrees which will have an important bearing on the planning of the Exchange Fund's activities.

It is expected that the emphasis of the Fund will be on the exchange of students from under-developed areas. While potential donors to Exchange Fund projects are being contacted, the Fund will perform essentially a co-ordinating role for existent schemes run by National Unions.

—(Co-Sec. Service.)

"Student advisory squads" can be found at every Rumanian institution of higher learning. It is their task to urge the students on to more zeal in their studies. Once a month these squads meet, with members of the faculty participating, to decide on the measures to be taken. The activity of these groups is the reason that the prescribed semester examinations are taken for the most part without any postponement. In this way, the number of examinations taken on time in some departments and institutes could be raised to 95-100 per cent. It is furthermore the duty of the advisory squads to promote scientific research work, to spread the Marxian philosophy among the students.

### GALMAHRA REVIVED

In the early years of this century, before "Semper Floreat" arose, "Galmahra" was.

"Was what?" you ask. Was, as its aboriginal name implies, "spokesman of the tribe". The tribe was the University of Queensland and "Galmahra" was subtitled, for the colonists, "The Magazine of the University of Queensland." Until the days of "Semper", it appeared each term; then, gradually, as "Semper" took over the more ephemeral of its interests, it became an annual, printing articles of literary and general interest.

It spoke in a voice of varied quality and vigour, rising occasionally to great individual heights, especially in the post-war period; and failing at times to great collective depths, as in the year when the editorial promised a new interest because "of all the Mss contributed, nothing has been rejected." Eventually in 1950, for a complex of reasons that was probably at heart indifference, "Galmahra" ceased publication.

Now, ten years later, the tradition is being picked up again. Galmahra will appear during Commem. week. Its strength will depend on you. If you have any interest, literary, political, social, historical, scientific or other, that can be rendered either intelligible or entertaining to a discerning public, do not hesitate to contribute. Token payment will probably be given to all articles selected. Especially needed are fiction, satire and matter of humorous bent.

Contributions should be typewritten, double-spaced on one side of foolscap-sized pages. They should be addressed to the Editor, Galmahra, c/o. Union Offices, St. Lucia.

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# Man of Independent Mind

"I AM on my own. Every man's hand is against me and mine is against every man. They can fight me any way they choose—under Queensberry Rules or under dog-and-goanna rules—and I'll fight back the same way. What's more, I learnt the second way from the great Mr. Rafferty himself."

THIS was how Mr. Tom Aikens, M.L.A., described his position as an Independent member to a meeting organised by—of all clubs—the Liberal Club, at the end of third term last year.

According to Mr. Aikens, the Independent M.L.A. is more important than the party man because he must work harder. "He cannot rely on the machine to support him. He must watch over the interests of his electors. If an Independent spent his time perched on a bar stool, his electors would soon get sick of him."

## Party hacks and freedom

"The Queensland private member who belongs to a Party has become nothing more than a Party hack. The private member here has none of the freedom he has in the House of Commons. Here, he can't introduce a Bill unless he is prepared to pay the cost of the printing. Private members' day is one of the jokes of the House. It is held for one-and-a-half hours on about four Thursdays of the Session. Government members' motions which are always full of propaganda, are given preference. As soon as they have injected the prescribed dosage of propaganda into the Press, they are automatically discharged from the business sheet. Despite all this an Independent can still do some good."

## Virtues of Independence

"I have only to consider how far a proposal will advance the State or help my party's political advancement. I can ask any question I like from any Minister I like, without direction from either Invicta House or the Chamber of Commerce."

This, in Mr. Aikens' opinion, is one of the reasons why there must be Independents.

Why aren't there more Independents? The first reason,

Mr. Aikens says, is public apathy. "People are just not interested. They're quite prepared to vote for a man whose first worry is endorsement, and doesn't care a roasted peanut what his electors think of him. They have to choose between two evils—a Liberal hack and a Labor hack. This is the first step to dictatorship."

"The Party to which I belong believes that Members should be free to speak and vote as he likes, except on matters which have been put to the people. This means I don't have to consider whether something I say will spill the beans on some big donor or embarrass a colleague."

## Why not more?

Despite all this, Mr. Aikens believes that there is some virtue in the Party system. "Without it there'd be no responsible government, just a hotch-potch. But the longer I'm in Parliament, the more convinced I become that it needs a leavening of courageous Independents."

As to the second reason, Mr. Aikens pointed out that he was re-elected only because all his electors know him. This is impossible in a metropolitan area. Most Independents cannot spend the money that the Parties can. "It cost £1000 to elect me last time, even though I'm a laydown misere."

## Vivid descriptions

As those who know Mr. Aikens would expect, his talk was studded with vivid and unconventional descriptions. Unfortunately, we have space for only two.

### 1. The day begins:

"The Speaker prays for peace and justice, etc. They stand there, their eyes closed and their noses twitching—all busily sharpening knives to slit their opponents' throats."

### 2. The House divides.

"The bells ring all over the House—in the bar, in the library, in the place you thought I was going to say. Then, just at the last moment, in they come—you can see the whip-marks on their backs—wiping the sleep from their eyes and the froth from their lips. They shelter their eyes from the glare to see where their colleagues are sitting. They don't know what they're voting on. It could be anything. Then, when the division's over, the messengers open the doors and jump nimbly out of the way to avoid being trampled. That's how legislation is passed and no honest man can deny it."

All students we spoke to afterwards agreed that, whether or not they'd be prepared to vote for Mr. Aikens themselves, they could easily see why Mundingburra has proved so faithful to him, and that, without a doubt, Parliament would be a much duller place without him.

—W.S.

## Ban the Bible?

Marriage has been proclaimed by God as a sacred rite, and, as such, should not be associated with drink, which has blighted thousands of lives, impoverished and made unhappy countless homes.

Ministers of Religion, more than anyone else, should never lose sight of the fact that a wedding, more than any other celebration, is grossly dishonoured by the presence of alcoholic drink.

Surely every wedding guest who takes alcoholic drink shows scant respect for the bride in whose honour he raises the glass that will help to rob him of his wits and lose all realisation of the significance of that which he celebrates.

"The Australian Temperance Advocate" (incorporating "Grit").

"...in Cana of Galilee, Jesus began his miracles, and made known the glory that was his, so that His disciples learned to believe in him."

—John, II, 11.



## Attention! Med. Freshers

THIS year the Faculty of Medicine at our University is 24 years old. Its enrolment has increased from 21 in 1936 to 705 in 1959, and (?) in 1960. All medical students belong to the University of Queensland Medical Society.

U.Q.M.S. is controlled by a committee made up of three elected representatives from each year. All students vote to elect the Executive. The Annual General Meeting is held early in third term, and all medical students can attend to air their views, denounce the out-going Executive, and abuse the new one.

On the last night of first term, U.Q.M.S. will hold their Dinner. In contrast to the socials, this will be a formal dress-up affair. The Annual Medical Ball is usually held at the end of second term. This is attended by many graduates and most of the V.I.P.'s of the staff.

If your tastes are less frivolous, U.Q.M.S. can still cater for your wants. We have a strong nucleus for a Chess Club. Films are screened in the lunch hour one day a week, at the Med. School. The U.Q.M.S. War Memorial Library contains fictional, historical and medical books. It is housed in the Library on the second floor of the Med. School.

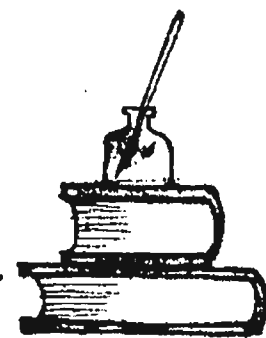
In association with the B.M.A., we hold an annual lecture as a memorial to Dr. E. S. Meyers, the first lecturer in Anatomy here. We publish "Trepheine", the best student magazine of this University, early in third term. Articles on any subject can be submitted to the editor. Every med. student receives a free copy.

The Medical Faculty has included many fine sportsmen. Ken. Donald, David Thiele, Tony Blue, Kerry Larkin, all bear witness to the fact that a medical course need not consume all your time and energy. We're rather handicapped by lack of sporting facilities at Herston, so freshers should avail themselves of those available at St. Lucia before they reach second year and are cast out to the Medical School.

You will be here for at least six years. Your Medical Society is there to help you enjoy this time as much as possible. If you have any enquiries about U.Q.M.S., the 1960 President, Jim Hazel, will be pleased to help you. (Phone: 96 1470).

—ALEXON WILLIAMS.

One of the most serious problems facing students at the Universities of Athens and Salonika is the shortage of textbooks in Greek. The cost of available texts is extremely high, and many students, finding it difficult to meet basic living expenses, cannot afford to purchase them.



## Our Diarist

## Discovers the Pelican

On Saturday, 20th February, I discovered the Pelican—and a most wonderful bird it is.

The Pelican is a new type of restaurant (new to Brisbane, anyway), about to be opened by Mr. Cyril Wypow. Mr. Wypow tells us that he intends to cater especially for student groups and hopes that the Pelican Tavern will become a rendezvous for students. Since Mr. Wypow plans to give concessions to students, we think he deserves encouragement.

The Pelican is situated on St. Paul's Terrace near the Jubilee Hotel. You can bring your own liquor and dress informally. It is as open-air as any building in Brisbane can safely be.

Also at the Pelican party was a graduate who, a few years ago, was the "enfant terrible" of student politics. As we often do, we got talking about the Union. "The Union," he said, "has become a great super-added, superfluous superstructure, like a cow-pat on top of a motor-car."

For quotability, we think that quote beats even Squelette's collection.

We're pleased to see that Marshall Osborne and Bill Henderson have maintained the one-year-old tradition of readable, up-to-date Handbooks. Cartoons are by John Bingley and introduce a new figure to University folklore—the Mallee Fowl. We hope that this engaging bird will appear in our pages soon.

Even such esoteric subjects as N.U.A.S. and U.Q.U. are described with great clarity, but there are two sentences on page 21 with which we disagree violently. Those advise the fresher that if he realises by July that he can't pass an exam, he should not enter for it. In our and other students' experience, it is, in ordinary circumstances, practically impossible to guess how you are going to fare in November. A friend of ours, after sitting for two papers of a subject, was so sure he'd failed, that he did not want to take the third. With great difficulty, he was persuaded to sit—and scored a High Distinction.

Owing to the beautiful modesty of a number of members of our staff, we have been unable to include a review of "The Political Student." In the next issue, however, we shall have a review by a neutral observer. Meanwhile, buy it and find out what strange revolutionary passions are agitating the young intelligentsia.

"Pol. Student" and "Galmahra" are not the only new periodicals to be published at U.Q. this year. The English lecturers of the External Studies Department are also publishing one with the appropriate title of "Postscript." This sounds an excellent idea and we hope it prospers.

## Confound their Politics

THERE are three things (supposedly) which are dear to the student heart—sex, alcohol, and politics. The first is rather hard to get if one is particular; the second is more readily obtainable but requires hard cash; the third, ah! there-by hangs this tale.

Of the four recognised political clubs operating within this University, the Political Science Club has just claim to be the most active, imparting political discussion directly to the student.

In keeping with this fine tradition, the Political Science Club arranged a Parliamentary Debate as its Orientation Week function for Freshers who this year will overrun the Uni. like one of the plagues of Egypt.

On Thursday, 25th, a debate was held on the subject "That instead of the Pilgrim Fathers landing on the Plymouth Rock, the Plymouth Rock should have landed on the Pilgrim Fathers".

A cast of thousands with eight recognised stars was assembled. Highlight of the evening was Mr. Speaker Helman's burlesque of our worthy Prime Minister, which is an annual (some would say daily) event.

As well as holding debates and lunch-hour meetings, the Club publishes a magazine, "The Political Student", the first number of which has just appeared.

The Political Science Club is your club if you are in any way interested in politics. As De Gaulle, who once expressed interest in the club, has said, "Politics is too serious a business to be left to politicians".

It is not too serious a business for Freshers. For further information about the club's activities contact John Helman (6 1597) or Glen Williams (91 1744).

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The Women's Cricket Club at present has one team which plays on Sunday afternoons at St. Lucia. We are hoping for sufficient new members to make two teams for the next season beginning in October. Matches will be played until the end of March, so anyone wishing to play please contact either Evelyn Matthew, 72021, ext. 333, or Delma Kroh, 573904.

Calling all female table tennis players. Action starts again on Saturday, 5th March, at 10 a.m. in the G.P. Hut, St. Lucia, and we are looking forward to seeing a great number of new members.

The club plays every Saturday morning in conjunction with the men (a very nice mob and always interested in the welfare of female players). The men help us with coaching so if you are not a very good player, don't let that deter you. If you are a very good player, please don't let us down by not turning up. We will be playing in B grade fixtures this term and you will have a chance of being in the team.

Inter-Varsity will be held in May this year in Sydney — men's and women's together. This idea of having men's and women's Inter-Varsity combined was an innovation last year and proved most successful.

For further information, ring Kay Pollock at 48 6583, preferably between 7 and 8 a.m., or just turn up on the 5th.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the G.P. Hut, St. Lucia, on Saturday, 5th March at 10.30 a.m. Nominations will be called for the positions of President and Secretary-Treasurer.

The University of Queensland Women's Volley Ball Club was inaugurated in 1958, is a young club eager for new members. There are three excellent volleyball courts near the Tennis Pavilion in

the University grounds and all equipment is provided. Practices are held at the courts on Sunday mornings.

For information ring Gae O'Neill 7 6260 or 7 6376.

### En Garde!

Tired of doing things you've always done? Then learn to fence! Whether you're the competitive type eager for a challenge, or the patient perfectionist in style and technique, fencing will give you the satisfaction possible only when physical and mental abilities are in the perfect balance. Of course, it's fashionable, too, at the moment.

The Women's Fencing Club trains in conjunction with the men, so there are plenty of social occasions — parties, dances, barbecues — as well as serious fencing in the State competitions. Highlight of the year is IntersVarsity, to be held this year in Melbourne, and places in the novice team are waiting to be filled by new members.

Don't miss this chance to find out if this is the one thing in life you can do really well. Instruction and equipment are provided by the Club, which meets at the Uni. Refectory in George St., on Saturdays at 2 p.m. See you there!

—S. Wheeler

### THEY CAN SWIM

Mr. Tony Dowling ("Semper", 23rd Oct.), says "Queensland women will have to do some hard training (for a change) if they don't want to be left badly — at swimming, anyway."

I would like to point out to "Semper" readers — that not only did we have an outright win in the I.V. Swimming championships but we now hold the IntersVarsity boat-racing championship and other (not to be mentioned) successes.

—CATHERINE MCARTHUR, U.Q.W.S.C.

## INTERVARSITY SWIM SUCCESS

LAST December, the Swimming Club climaxed a good year with successful staging of the IntersVarsity Championships and by winning both the men's and women's contests.

The men's trophy has returned to Queensland after a four year absence, but in somewhat unfortunate circumstances. Queensland snatched the victory in the last event when Melbourne's relay team was disqualified. However, the win by Queensland women was clear-cut, thanks mainly to Heather McBride.

Queensland got away to a good start when David Theile won the 100 metres backstroke in 65.4. Leo Williams came second in the 200 metres backstroke. The sole West Australian swimmer, David Dickson, cleared away with the 200 freestyle in which Queensland was unplaced. Queensland 4 x 100 metres relay team (Anderson, Beal, Dowling, Theile) won in record time. This gave Queensland a slight points lead.

On the second day, however, Melbourne took the lead through their success at diving. On the last day, Anderson won his second event of the carnival, the 440 yards medley. The 110 freestyle was a thriller, Mackenzie (M.) winning from Theile, both being timed at 62.6. Peter Beal (Q.) came third in 63 secs.

The Queensland team (Theile, Williams, Anderson, Dowling) won the last event, the medley relay in State record time. This gave victory to Queensland (54 points), with Melbourne second (52 points).

### WOMEN TRIUMPH

For Queensland women, med. student Heather McBride, won four hard-fought events. These, together with wins by the medley relay team and an individual win by Jan Storey, gave the Queensland women a comfortable win.

In first term, the Swimming Club will hold (1) University Championships, (2) trips to various towns, (3) a social at Victoria Park, (4) weekly water-polo and (5) meetings.

After the final exams. In November, the Australian Inter-Varsity Swimming and Diving Championships are held, in the week before Christmas. This year, they will be held in Melbourne.

If you are a swimmer, diver, or water-polo player, we will be glad to have you in the club, and you can see that there is no interference to work as all major events are held in first term.

The Club President is Bill Osbaldiston. If you are interested in joining, ring the Secretary, David Theile (UX 2802), or the Assistant Secretary, Tony Dowling (M 5105).

### WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

Having recently received wishes for success for 1960 from such prominent golf enthusiasts as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Caryl Chessman and others, we now feel in a position to offer our facilities to you freshers.

The club is operating in the best Wodehouse tradition and offers you opportunities for regular play (on Saturday mornings at Victoria Park Golf Club and at all times on the University 3 Hole course), plus lots of FUN e.g., mixed foursomes with the Men's Club, a barbecue dance, an Inter-Varsity trip to Melbourne and Inter-Faculty and spoon competitions. For extra keen times (we have a letter here from one) there are special coaching classes in the afternoons at St. Lucia.

Enthusiastic niblick wielders will learn more about our programme of larks for 1960 at our Annual General Meeting in the Women's Common Room, George Street, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, March 7th. Meanwhile for information ring Jenny Maruff or Nell Worley at Duchesne College — 7 6376 or 7 6260.

## SPORT

### MEN'S BASKETBALL CLUB

The club welcomes all new players, particularly Freshers.

Our activities include:—

1. The Inter-Varsity Men's Basketball Carnival—here in Queensland for the first time in many years in May vacation.
2. Easter and long-week-end trips away to North Queensland and/or to New England University at Armidale.
3. Weekly competition matches in Brisbane fixtures.
4. Various inter-club games, such as against Teacher's Training College.
5. Intra-club competition and practices every Sunday morning at 9.15 a.m., at St. Lucia.
6. Socials, barbecues, etc. . . .

Our teams are graded A and B for competition in Brisbane fixtures, there being at present 3 teams to each grade. The year's programme and the club's aim is to give every player — old and new — an opportunity to play as much basketball as he wants. Coaching is provided for all new players, so if you have never played don't let that stop you, freshers. This is a great game. All enquiries should be directed to John Williamson — 91 1081 or Graeme Kidd — 95 4629 or Robin Yule — 38 1445.

The simplest way is to come to practices every Sunday morning at St. Lucia. You're very welcome, freshers. Don't forget, this year you will have the opportunity of seeing Australia's top student players in action here on the Gold Coast in May, during the Inter-Varsity Carnival; and you will give yourself the opportunity to represent your University in this and other States in the future.

A demonstration match will be played on the St. Lucia courts on Wednesday 24th February at 10.30 a.m. for your benefit freshers, so watch your notice boards for notice of meetings.

### Weightlifting Club

Do you want to gain weight, lose weight, get fit for winter sport or lift competitively? The weightlifting club is at your disposal.

IntersVarsity is in Adelaide this year. The club wants men of all sizes for this team. We achieved an equal second last year and will do better this year—if we get your support.

The first social event of the year looks like being a cricket match with the Women's Cricket Club.

A trip to either Roma or Maryborough may be arranged later this year. This also depends on your support.

Any inquiries should be addressed to John Devietti (Union College); Loch Lang (King's); or David McCarthy (Chemistry Department).

Watch for notices of a general meeting to decide coached training times.

## Vulgar boatmen

1960 has already seen a most promising expansion of the Men's Boat Club. As a result of this enthusiasm we are now fielding two eights and, so far, one four. We have racks and racks of equipment in the shed and can guarantee any crew a row.

Our aim for this year is not only to repeat our success in the eights races at home and IntersVarsity, but to row the fours from other clubs right out of sight. We are looking to new members to fill these fours and then later to replace the older members of the eights who will shortly be moving out of the University.

We should like to impress upon you that we are not learned professionals, but we are people who have rowed at school in G.P.S. races. Another point is that our club activities end with the first term vacation and those of you who have been told by Daddy that you are there to study and not to play can put your ignorant Daddy where he should be and leave on the chain. Time and time again the student with the healthy body studies far better than his unhealthy confederates. So get fit with us.

For those of you who are not "Courier-Mail" subscribers over the past two years the name of this University has risen from the bottom of the river to prominence in Queensland rowing. In 1958 after 35 years of endeavour we regained the Oxford-Cambridge Cup by becoming Australian National University Champions. This feat was repeated in 1959 and to it we added the Centenary Open Championship of Queensland. At present the club's number one crew is endeavouring to retain its right to represent Queensland at the forthcoming King's Cup race, the winner of which will represent Australia at the Rome Olympic Games.

This may be a timely place to add that all members of this crew, with the exception of one member, were at G.P.S. schools in 1956, or more recently still. Thus we are one club that thrives on new members. For any information just appear at the club any evening, or during the week-end, but come in a pair of old shorts.

### U.Q. TENNIS CLUB

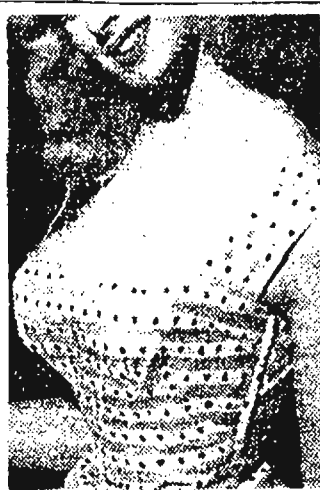
All tennis players are invited to attend the club's annual general meeting to be held in the tennis pavilion at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday, 10th March.

Tennis practice will be held at the week-ends to enable fixture teams to be selected.

—A. Smith (Hon. Sec., U.Q.T.C.)

### JOIN THE U.Q.W.H.C.

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IN JULY



### "FOR MEN ONLY"

I feel that had this column been headed "For Women Only" more men would read it; okay, if any nosey female has read this far — bad luck, this is strictly a FOOTBALL DEAL.

Yes, this year the U.Q.F.C. needs men — we want the return of our old members but more so we need new blood — the old members having lost most of their corpuscles last year. We want chaps willing to train two afternoons a week and ones who will stick with the club for a full season. In return we can offer good sport, a guarantee of a game every weekend, plus a chance for State, Inter-Varsity and Australian University team selection.

The Inter-Varsity this year is to be held in Sydney in first term Vacation and we will take a team of about 30, as these games will act as selection trial for Australian Universities team to play the touring New Zealand Universities team in two tests, one in Sydney, one in Brisbane. Also Queensland University will play New Zealand in a night game in Brisbane on 26th May.

There will be five University teams entered in the Q.R.U. competitions this year — A Grade, two Reserves and two B Grades. Training will be Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 5.00 p.m. at both Victoria Park and St. Lucia No. 3 ovals.

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 9th March, at George Street refectory at 8.00 p.m. All are invited to attend and enrol as club members.

Anyone seeking further information may contact Ross Moynihan — 51 1301 — or your college football representative.

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# CATHOLIC ACTION AND MR. TRUMAN: PART ONE

## What's wrong with Australian Universities?

**MANY** things, according to Professor John Anderson of Sydney University. We reprint the following abstract of a lecture given by Professor Anderson on his retirement in 1958, because we believe it is worthy of discussion. The views expressed are, of course, Professor Anderson's and not necessarily Semper's.

Professor Anderson began by saying that he had never become a member of the Association of University Teachers, because it had the character of a trade union, concerned with wages and conditions.

A University Teachers' Association should be concerned with matters specifically academic. He countered the belief that salaries and wages conditions had real academic significance.

It was said that if competitive rates of pay were not established in the University people would go into industry. This was a poor argument. The kind of people you would expect to have in a University are those you would expect to prefer the conditions of work in a University to those outside.

The Association should have concerned itself with academic issues. The reason why it does not is that there is no common ground among its members. The only common ground is bread and butter.

**Techniques and Humanities**  
There is a cleavage between techniques and the humanities. We must hammer at this, otherwise we shall be left with only the bread and butter question, like the Association of University Teachers.

### DRIFT INTO DECLINE

This cleavage is connected with the drift in education during the present century.

To some it would appear that we are making a speedy advance. Anderson thinks that on the contrary there is a decline.

The secret cleavage muzzles people. They would be less muzzled if the cleavage were open. There has never been the appearance of a common ground for the support of academic standards.

### Peace Where No Peace

In spite of this a surface unity is considered more important than an acknowledged disagreement. The desire for unity and peace where there is no peace prevents University teachers from coming out and defending a cause.

When there is a row over anything, as for instance over religious education in 1943, the University attitude is invariably one of defence rather than attack.

A University should have the habit of public statement on issues even when the view cuts clean across common views. Nevertheless it has not been regarded in Sydney as a part of academic work to attack common misconceptions.

The result is that academics find themselves in a weak position when something strikes them much more nearly.

### Arts and Science

There is a cleavage between arts and sciences. But the technological attitude has penetrated even the Faculty of Arts. There has even been a total surrender in this respect. The Faculty of Arts is not now the premier faculty. It no longer has the main decision in academic matters. It is yielding to

outside pressures, especially those of the Department of Education.

The change re matriculation in 1944 under the Wallace regime was regrettable. Through the ganging up of members of other Faculties the compulsory language was lost and with it Arts lost its supreme place. This was the biggest error ever made in the whole history of Sydney University. It was the most serious injury ever done to Sydney University.

It has hastened the decline that has been taking place during a large part of this century.

It is nonsense that science and mathematics are sufficient preparation for the University.

**Defects of Murray Report**  
There are serious defects in the Murray Report. One of them is the importance it attaches to social services.

No subject should be treated in a technological way at the University. All subjects should there be taught historically and academically.

On the Arts side there is a technological movement. Foundations of subjects are not studied, and this applies also to school work. Thus there are constant schemes for improving the curriculum in school, as though the latest were the best.

### Latest Not the Best

Professor Anderson is not of the opinion that the latest views are bound to be the best in philosophy. He believes that forty years ago philosophy was better.

A University should produce competent critics. It should not be afraid to criticise.

But the University authorities are actuated by fear of Parliament as a source of income. From this fear and prudence the University of Sydney gets no advantage and no respect. It would get more respect if it came out and fought — if it informed the public. But it has lost its place and forfeited public respect. It kow-tows to the person who holds the purse strings.

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### CONSTITUTIONAL ROW

The Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa has refused to withdraw the draft for a constitution which it had submitted to the university authorities. The draft had been altered by the authorities without notification to the students. For ten years now, the students have been submitting constitutional drafts to the authorities, but they have always been turned down or given back to the student council so late that they could not be ratified.

A significant rise has been registered in the number of foreign students coming to India for higher studies. Arriving at the rate of 250 per year, there are now 734 foreign students in Indian schools and colleges. Most of them come under the Colombo Plan or the Cultural Scholarship scheme administered by the Indian Government.

**N**EARLY two thousand years ago in Palestine the activities of the followers of Jesus Christ posed a problem for Our Lord and for the civil authorities of the time. The problem was that of the relationship between the Christian religion and the various components of temporal society, in particular the governing organ of that society.

Jesus Christ gave his answer as follows:

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and God the things that are God's."

History does not tell us how this statement solved the problem, if it did at all. But history does show us the problem has been a crucial one; a problem which has had to be met by each different society, usually in its own unique way. It is a problem which applies not only to Christianity, but also to all other religions (e.g., Mohammedism, Buddhism) and philosophies (e.g., Existentialism) which portray men as more than a mere instrument of the State, or as having a destiny after death.

To-day the problem faced by our society is much harder to solve because the line of demarcation between the "things that are Caesar's" and the "things that are God's" has become obscure, if indeed it exists at all. The reason for this is not that the forces of Christianity have any desire to control the organs of temporal society; such a position has been reached because of development of the forces within temporal society, especially that of the "government."

In the last two thousand years the controls of the government over all aspects of individual life have increased enormously. The twentieth century has witnessed the total control of the individual by the State in the disguise of such philosophies as Nazism, Fascism, and Communism. The Christian churches, if they are to perform their tasks of saving souls, must therefore meet the government on its own ground.

### OTHER CHURCHES

Pope Leo XIII made this point clear for all Roman Catholics in his great encyclical on the social order, "Rerum Novarum." Recent statements by the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Gough, and Dean Babbage of Melbourne, clearly show that the Anglican Church in Australia is of the same opinion. As the main purpose of this article is to review a specific book — "Catholic Action and Politics" — I shall refrain from discussing the other Protestant churches' position in regard to the problem. Suffice it to say, that they all agree with the principle that they must enter the field of temporal affairs, at least to some extent, if they are to preserve Christian principles and see that some people are able to save their souls.

The present problem for the Catholic Church (and others) becomes then not so much whether or not the Church should interfere in temporal matters, but rather what should be the relationship between the Church and the State in the temporal field, and what should be the manner of entry by the church into the temporal field on specific problems. This is the problem which is being hotly debated by leading Catholic clerical and lay writers on social and political matters.

At present the Catholic Church has solved this problem on an individual country basis — in Spain the Church leaders have favoured

authoritarian relations between Church and State, in the United States, and the countries of the British Commonwealth a form of democratic peaceful co-existence has been adopted, while in Eire and Italy a position in between these two extremes has been adopted. The relationship has depended to a large degree on the traditional environment of the country, although the Spanish bishops have received rebukes from Rome (e.g. on the question of American servicemen) because of the inclination to control the government.

### CORPORATISM

Mr. Truman neglects most of these points in his work on Catholic Action and Politics. He concludes that the "general aim and objective of the Catholic Church" is to see the creation of a "corporate State," which he, for some unexpressed reason, equates with the Italian State under Mussolini, with the same authoritarian Church — State relationship as exists in Spain. As the book is a political treatise, Mr. Truman can probably be excused for neglecting to mention the vast spiritual "aims and objectives of the Catholic Church." However, only in relation to these aims do the aims of the Church in temporal affairs have any meaning. No Catholic writer, or for that matter any writer with the patience to explore the aims of the Catholic Church, would be so presumptuous as to discuss these aims in one chapter of thirty pages, as Mr. Truman does.

But if these vast omissions can be excused, there is no excuse for the confusion between the term "corporate society," as used by the Popes and the type of State, which has been in part labelled corporative, adopted by Mussolini; there is even less excuse for holding that the authoritarian relationship in Spain is that desired by the Catholic Church. I will deal with each of these points separately.

Mr. Truman relies on a Melbourne Catholic, Mr. Denys Jackson, for the elucidation of the papal term "corporate society" in Catholic social philosophy. He makes it quite clear that he sees the Australian Bishops as wanting to create a corporate State of the Jacksonian type (P. 59). For this reason it becomes rather interesting to read Catholic comments on Jackson's work:

Jackson himself — "imaginative fantasy"; "Catholic Advocate" — "imaginative and highly personal"; "Catholic Leader" — "fanciful pamphlet."

### DISTINCTIONS

It is very unfortunate that Mr. Truman chose this work to rely on for his facts, rather than one of the major standard works on Catholic social principles. Those who appreciate the distinction in meaning of works will notice that in the quotation from the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Carboni, on page 64, the Archbishop speaks of the "corporate society" as used by the Popes, meaning the "vocational ordering of the whole social structure"; he clearly speaks of society and not of the organs of "government." Thus it is possible, both in theory and in prac-

tice, to adopt a corporate form of society without altering in any way the democratic form of government we have in Australia — a form which is as dear to the hearts of Catholics as it is to Mr. Truman's.

As I have pointed out previously there is some degree of conflict within the Church on the Spanish position. In actual fact, the tendency is to move away from that in Spain, if not to that in America, at least to the position of the Church in Italy, which Professor Webb did not consider a great threat to democracy.

Mr. Truman has assumed, in spite of this evidence to the contrary, that the Australian Bishops wish to adopt the clerical-dictatorship position of the Spanish clergy. These two fundamental errors in the main chapter of the work on the aims of the Catholic Church mar what might have been an excellent book on Catholic Action and Politics. —G.N.W.

(To be continued)

### Fakes condemned

The American Council of Education recently issued a report condemning phony colleges in the United States. The council said these diploma mills sell college degrees and diplomas to anyone, thus duping thousands of foreign students who apply through the schools' correspondence courses. This absurd situation, with its international overtones, has embarrassed the United States for more than 120 years. After a year-long study of the problem, the council believed the diploma mills enroll as many as 750,000 students annually and take in an estimated 75,000,000 dollars a year. However, on the brighter side the report emphasized that there are more than 450 legitimate home-study schools in the United States. These schools are members of the National Home Study Council and serve some 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 students annually. In contrast to these 450 lawful institutions, the council's survey turned up at least 200 degree mills operating in 37 states. The council stated that the problem is complicated by the absence of any national ministry of education under the government system. Therefore it is possible for a diploma mill to get a charter and advertise its services abroad because no federal agency is controlling such a move. —(News Letter, Homewood.)

### POSITIONS VACANT

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Above all, don't creep into an academic shell, no matter how attractive the new library may be.

Actually, experience shows that exam. results can improve if study is coupled with a healthy interest in other activities.

Probably the best way to find your feet would be, say, to join one sporting club and one other club of particular interest to you.

Then, if you find you have time, expand your interests.

But please make sure you don't cut them back to zero, for by so doing you will lose a major benefit the University is offering you.

And remember, Freshers are welcome in every part of University life—for example: Semper Floreat, or perhaps as an officer of the Union.

All things are possible—

Finally, as Orientation Director, may I welcome you all to the University and wish you all the best in your careers here.

**Catherine McArthur**  
Orientation Director

Somehow,

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No "Semper" has had a more stormy gestation or a more painful birth than this one.

A series of unfortunate crises made us wonder at one stage whether it would ever appear.

In our blackest hour, when one of the editors (the one writing this) was almost prepared to give up completely, a number of friends rallied unselfishly to our side and saved "Semper" from utter disaster.

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